(d) if so, what is the composition of the screening committee?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) and (b) No indecent commercials are telecast on Doordarshan nor in Government aware of any public reaction to this effect.

(c) and (d) No screanig Committee as such has been constituted. However, all commercial advertisements on Doordarshan are screened in advance by Doordarshan Commercial Service.

Offering of prayers in mosques under Archaelogical Department

2107. SHRI SHAMIM AHMED SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Wakf Council in its meeting held on the 27th October, 1987 discussed issue of offering of prayers in mosques under protection of Archaeological Department;

(b) if so, what was the decision of the council in this regard;

(c) whether Government have appointed a committee to go into the issue of offering of prayers in protected mosques;

(d) what is the present stage of consideration of issue in this Committee; and

(e) what steps have been taken to get the decision of the said committee expedited?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (DR. RAJENDRA KUMARI BAJPAI): (a) and (b) The question of offering of prayers in mosques under protection of Archaeological Department was raised in the meeting of the Central Wakf Council held on 27th October 1987. It was explained that the matter was the concern of the Ministry of Human resource Development and it was for them to take a view in the matter which involved protection of our national heritage. It was, therefore, urged that the point should not be pressed in the Council's meeting.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Time allotted for Doordarshan Commericals

2108. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that no country in the world allots so much time to commercials in television as is given in India through Doordarshan;

(b) what is the total time allotted to commercials during a day's programme; and

(c) whether Government propose to reduce time for Doordarshan commercials?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The time used for commercial advertisements on Doordarshan varies from day to day, depending on the viewership of the programme and the demand for advertising time from the advertisers. The average time used for commercial advertisements during the recent months is about 2.5 per cent of the total transmission time.

(c) No, Sir.